

# **BREVARD** *County* **PROCEDURE**

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Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

***Brevard County Libraries makes the Internet available to all library users, including children.*** The Internet is an important resource toward meeting our mission of providing citizens with current information, educational materials, and lifelong learning opportunities. For children and youths the Internet can offer many benefits, including homework help, assistance with science research projects, college information, job applications, as well as access to numerous educational websites. In addition, computer literacy is an important skill for children to learn, and use of the library's computers will assist in this training.

***Brevard County Libraries is concerned about providing a safe Internet environment for your children.*** In an effort to protect children from offensive sites, the library uses Internet filtering software to restrict access to web pages that transmit images or information that is pornographic or illegal. In addition, Brevard County Libraries has initiated a program whereby you, as parent or legal guardian, must sign a permission form before your children will be allowed Internet access. We believe you should be responsible for setting and conveying the standards that your children will follow when using the Internet and other media resources.

***Brevard County Libraries suggests that you discuss Internet safety issues with your children.*** Parents should review the "Internet Disclaimer" and the "Internet Acceptable Use Statement and Safety Policy". Copies may also be obtained at the Reference Desk of any Brevard County public library. In addition to reviewing these documents, we suggest discussing the following topics with your children:

- While the library uses a filter to block inappropriate material, no filter is perfect and the library cannot guarantee that all objectionable websites will be restricted.
- Your children should never give personal information (such as name, address, phone number, school, etc) on the Internet.

***Brevard County Libraries asks that you sign an "Internet Permission Form" for your children.*** You must decide whether your children have the judgment, maturity, and training to use the Internet wisely and safely. A signed form (attached) plus a Library Card will be required before any minor (under the age of 18) is allowed to access the Internet. If you are unable to come into the library, please return the permission form with your child and include one of the following types of identification (a photocopy is acceptable): 1) Florida driver's license, 2) lease, deed, or mortgage, 3) valid Brevard County voter registration card, or 4) Florida Highway Patrol identification card.

We care about your kids.

**Brevard County Libraries  
Internet Permission Form**

I hereby give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

to access the Internet at any Brevard County Public Library.

Child's Library Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_

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